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Globe Asiatique got easy terms in solon's time

By Tonette Orejas, Inquirer Central Luzon and Jerry E. Esplanada

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—It was during the stint of Marikina Rep. Romero Quimbo as president and chief executive officer of Pag-Ibig Fund that Globe Asiatique Realty Holdings Corp. obtained easy loan terms for two housing projects in Pampanga, documents showed.

Investigators are now looking into the P6.552-billion loan taken out by Globe Asiatique on behalf of 8,975 accounts in

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This time, BIR lowers boom on resort owners

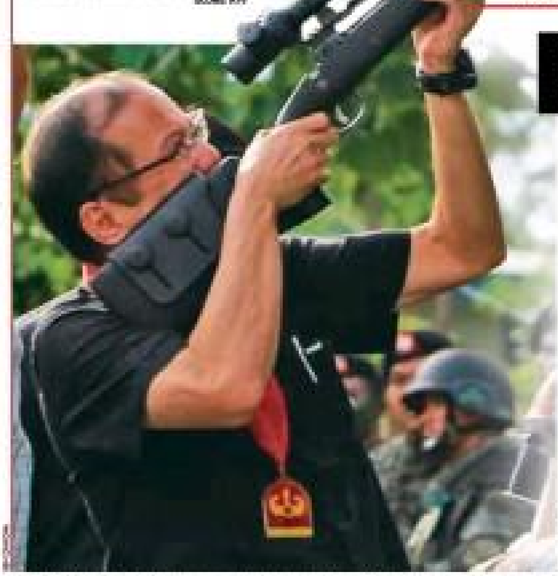
By Nikko Dizon

THE OWNERS of Club Manila East, a resort in Taytay, Rizal, were charged with tax evasion yesterday for failing to file accurate income tax returns for more than a decade.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) also accused spouses Julio and Priscilla Cruz, of Barangay San Juan, Taytay, Rizal, of not

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Probers eye police fire in deaths



TAKING AIM President Aquino, a gun enthusiast, tries out a Savage Model 10 Sniper Rifle during a bus assault demonstration of the Special Action Force at Camp Bagong Diwa in Taguig City on Thursday.

'Victims not shot at close range'

By Marlon Ramos and Tetch Quismundo

POLICE EXPERTS have given testimony that appeared to contradict the account of the driver of the hijacked bus that the Hong Kong tourists were shot at close range but stressed that the possibility that friendly fire may have caused deaths remained inconclusive.

At the close of the five-day hearings on the hostage fiasco last month, Philippine National Police Crime Laboratory (Crimelab) experts on Wednesday night stressed that ballistics tests were still being conducted on where the bullets came that killed eight tourists.

The hostage-taker, dismissed Senior Insp. Rolando Mendoza, also was gunned down at the end of the 11-hour standoff on Aug. 23 at Rizal Park prompted by his demand for reinstatement and dismissal of extortion and robbery charges against him.

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BALLISTIC REPORT Scene of the crime operatives show a video of the bullet-riddled tourist bus during the hearing by a five-man panel of investigators at the Department of Justice on Wednesday night.

Aquino announces plan to form British-style elite security force

By Christine O. Avendaño

PRESIDENT AQUINO yesterday said that in the wake of the hostage fiasco last month, he was forming a security force similar to Britain's Special Air Service, or SAS, to respond to crisis situations in the country.

In a nationally televised news conference with major network anchors called to deflect criticisms of ineptitude, Mr. Aquino said he would integrate some 200 to 400 police and military troops that would be fielded to combat "any threat, be it air, sea or land."

The President said that the force from the Philippine National Police and the Armed Forces of the Philippines would be similar to the SAS, a special regiment of the British Army that gained fame for its exploits during World War II. It is regarded as more efficient than the US Navy SEALs.

"We will copy to a degree the formation of that national unit," he said.

Mr. Aquino spent an hour and a half attempting to explain what he did during the 11-hour standoff that ended in the massacre of eight Hong Kong tourists inside a commandeered bus at Rizal Park on Aug. 23.

The hostage-taker, Senior Insp. Rolando Mendoza, also was killed in the police assault mounted after his demand for reinstatement was rejected. He was sacked two years ago for extortion and robbery.

Criticism of the President centered on the fact that he was

ELITE A17

P-Noy admits receipt of insulting HK letter

By Norman Bordadora, Nikko Dizon and Jerry E. Esplanada

PRESIDENT AQUINO has promised China there will be "no cover-up" in the investigation of the Rizal Park hostage tragedy, but said he resented receiving an "insulting letter" from a Hong Kong official apparently dictating what he should do in dealing with the tragedy.

In a special media interview yesterday, Mr. Aquino said he decided not to answer the letter

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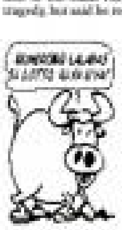
Six 'euro generals' suspended

By Kristine L. Alave and Alcuin Papa

THE OFFICE of the Ombudsman has ordered six Philippine National Police officials involved in a controversial trip to Russia in 2008 to be placed on preventive suspension for six months without pay pending its investigation of the case tagged in media as the "euro generals" scandal.

Ms. Merceditas Gutierrez, head of the antigraft body, identified the PNP officials as Director Silverio Alarcio Jr. of the Directorate for Operations; Director German Doria of the Directorate for Human Resources and Doctrine Development; Chief Supt. Orlando Pestaño, finance service director; Chief Supt. Tomas Rentoy III, budget division director; Supt. Samuel Rodriguez, special disbursing

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Google shows psychic powers in new product

SAN FRANCISCO—Google, which can already feel like an appendage to our brains, is now predicting what people are thinking before they even type.

On Wednesday, Google introduced Google Instant, which predicts Internet search queries and shows results as soon as some-

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Radyo Inquirer 10 years in the making



MEET THE ANCHORS of Radyo Inquirer, or dzIQ 990 on the AM band (1st row, L-R) Reyan Arinto, Hannah Sancho, Public Attorney's Office head Persida Acosta, Cecilia Lardizabal, Maria Franica Avendaño and Chito de la Vega. (2nd row, L-R) Marvin Javier, Jupiter Torres, Ramon Tulfo, Jay Sonza, Willy Matawaran and Ciro Songco

By Pocholo Concepcion

THE NEW KID on the block has a playful catch phrase, written in bold, blue letters on T-shirts worn by its management and staff at the station's launch yesterday: "990 IQ KO!"

IQ means the station's call letters, dzIQ, and 990 is where you find it on the AM band.

Radyo Inquirer formally marked its entry into the frenetic, highly competitive arena of radio broadcasting with a solemn Mass officiated by Fr. Roy Reyes at its studios in the spanking new Media Resource Plaza Building on Mola and Pasong Tirad streets in Barangay La Paz, Makati City.

In her welcome remarks, Inquirer president and CEO Sandy Prieto-Romualdez recalled every-

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DALA AG MATINDING TAKOT?

Kin of massacre witness flee

ESPERANZA, Sultan Kudarat—The family of Lakmudin Saliao, a key witness in the Maguindanao massacre trial, has fled their village in Ampatuan, Maguindanao.

Dureza denial

Harassment fearful



EID'L FITR
Muslims pray at a mosque in Culiat, Quezon City on the eve of Eid'l Fitr, the end of the holy month of Ramadan. The Islamic holiday, which is celebrated today, has been declared a non-working holiday.

No marching orders from Palace

By TJ Burgonio

PAL union serves notice of strike

By Philip C. Tubeza

Foundation says it got no ₱100M from GMA

Gov't eyes 7% growth rate

By Michelle V. Remo

SC ruling imperils land titles, says Carpio et al.

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LAGUNA KAGAWAD WINS BIG FROM TST

FDA bans 5 beauty products from Taiwan, Japan

By Philip C. Tubeza

Customs scrapes barrel's bottom, eyes 'ukay-ukay'

By Philip C. Tubeza

The Daily Gospel



NEXT IN LINE
A patient awaits his turn at the dengue express lane of the East Avenue Medical Center. There were 85,394 dengue cases reported all over the country as of Wednesday, according to the Department of Health.

Freedom of Info bill gets new life

By Christian V. Esguerra

'Never been spoiled'

Malacañang agreement



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OFW groups assail slash in DFA budget

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Dark future for OFWs

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Zero budget for rural electrification in 2011

By TJ Burgonio

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Congressional insertions

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Realistic budget

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RADYO Inquirer president Paolo Prieto: At the center of the action.



INQUIRER President Sandy Prieto-Romualdez: Initial doubts have given way to "extreme excitement."

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year when she recalled her reaction the first time her younger brother and Radyo Inquirer boss Paolo Prieto told her about his desire to operate a radio station. "Are you crazy? There are more than 300 radio stations in the country!"

But he was insistent, Romualdez recounted, as he explained why many Filipinos, especially those with no access to newspapers and the Internet, needed news and information, which a portable radio set could easily supply with.

Slowly she warmed up to the idea, which she said he broached 10 years ago.

She added that putting up the station was the biggest investment that the Inquirer Group of companies had made up to the present.

Center of the action

"Before, I was nervous," Romualdez said. "Now, I am extremely excited!"

For his part, Prieto vowed to "accompany (the vast majority of Filipinos) in their households and daily commute with up-to-the-minute news and commentary, educate them about consumer needs, and give them medical and legal advice."

"When we say [we'll be] 'sa gitna ng laban' (in the middle of all the action), we mean it," he said.

'Man of few words'

There was added excitement as program hosts Pepsie Amado and Willy Marquez (who likewise go on air as two of the station's commentators) introduced Radyo Inquirer's anchors, led by hard-hitting broadcaster-columnist Ramon Tulfo.

"I'm a man of few words," Tulfo said.

Tulfo recalled having been out of radio for five years, but, after listening to his brothers do their own shows, he thought it was him who was coming on air.

He promised he would stop using foul language now, but not after spewing out four-letter words just for laughs.

Tulfo has two programs from Mondays to Fridays: "Isumbong Mo Kay Tulfo," 1 to 2 p.m.; and "Tutok Ni Tulfo," 4 to 5 p.m.

Responsible journalism

Veteran broadcaster Jay Sonza is also on board as Radyo Inquirer's main anchor.

Asked what it feels like to be working for a new station, Sonza said in a blend of English and Filipino: "When I was invited to join Radyo Inquirer, the first thing I asked was whether the parameters of the broadsheet would be the same parameters followed by the radio because I know that there are no parameters in PDI."

"The station's management said that for as long as we exercise responsible journalism, the editorial prerogative is left to the anchor. That's what made me accept the offer."

Sonza explained that he went on a sabbatical from radio because the owners of two networks he worked for couldn't stand by him.

"I was hitting hard on issues against the past administration, and my bosses succumbed to the pressure," he said.

This time, though, he's confident that his new bosses know where he stands.

No. 1 in public service

"I have never doubted that the Prietos are advocates of good governance. I have always regarded the Inquirer as credible and an advocate of true journalism. These are the same qualities we would bring to Radyo Inquirer. After all, media is the watchdog of government," Sonza said.

Radyo Inquirer signs on at 4 a.m. daily with a mix of news, commentary, legal advice, public service and music on its programs.

"I intend to make Radyo Inquirer No. 1 in public service," Tulfo quipped.



THE LAUNCH of Radyo Inquirer 990 is graced by JV Rufino of Inquirer Mobile (left), Inquirer Chair Marixi R. Prieto, board director Carlos S. Rufino, Inquirer's chief of reporters Volt Contreras and Inquirer president Sandy Prieto-Romualdez.



MEMBERS of Radyo Inquirer staff give a presentation.



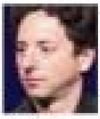
GOOGLE Vice President of Search Product and User Experience Marissa Mayer announces Google Instant during Wednesday's special launch event in San Francisco, California. AFP

Google shows psychic powers

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user begins to type, adjusting the results as each successive letter is typed.

"We want to make Google the third half of your brain," Sergey Brin, Google's co-founder and president of technology, said at a Google press event at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.



GOOGLE Inc. cofounder Sergey Brin listens to a question during the unveiling of Google Instant in San Francisco. AFP

"There's even a psychic element to it," added Marissa Mayer, Google's vice president for search products and user experience.

Google's new psychic powers result in much faster searches, but the change might affect the many businesses that have been built around placing search ads on Google and helping websites figure out how to climb higher in search results to increase revenue.

It is a sign that even as Google expands into other businesses, like display advertising and cell phones, it remains firmly focused on search, its core business and one that accounts for more than 90 percent of its revenue. It has faced competition recently from Microsoft's Bing search engine.

Google has made its new product the default way to search the Web.

Google Instant works with the most popular modern browsers in the United States and several other countries. It will show up on cell phones and in browser search bars in a few months.

Game changer

"It's been awhile since there's been a game changer in search, and this is," said Jordan Rohan, an Internet analyst at Stifel Nicolaus. "It changes how people search."

Google Instant is a feat of computing and engineering that could not "easily be mimicked by Google's competition," Nicolaus said.

Google's attempt to greatly change the way people search could throw a wrench in the business models of the companies that have latched onto the Google ecosystem.

Analysts said that it was too early to tell how Google Instant would affect search engine marketing and optimization businesses.

More challenging

But because webpages and ads show up before people finish typing queries, it could be more challenging and expensive for them to pick keywords that catapult their sites to the top results, analysts said.

For example, it has been less expensive for a small hotel in Paris to buy ads that show up when someone searches "Paris boutique hotels in the Marais" than when someone searches "Paris hotels."

But now that Google immediately starts showing results, people may type long queries less often. As a result, advertisers would have to bid on more common terms.

Because Google Instant focuses attention on the search box and top results, people also could spend less time looking at the ads that show up on the right side of the page.

Advertisers unhappy

"The general reaction is that advertisers are not just modestly pleased because they see it as Google driving up bidding, people to buy the most expensive terms and make the most money for Google," said Matt Hesser, account director for Trada, a search marketing firm.

Johanna Wright, director of product management at Google, said that the company was not changing the way it ranked or served ads, and that the instant results were more useful for consumers because "we're getting you your answer much quicker and you're not having to scroll and wade through information."

Before the change, Google's search results probably did not strike anyone as slow. But with Google Instant, they can barely be twice as fast.

3.5 billion seconds

Most people's lives will not change with an extra few milliseconds, but Google calculated that the new tool would cumulatively save people more than 3.5 billion seconds every day, which works out to about 11 hours a second.

The results will also be more useful because people can adjust their searches on the fly based on what they see, and explore similar queries they might not otherwise have seen, said Ben Gomes, a Google engineer working on search.

"We want to give you feedback as you type your query, so you can formulate a better query," Gomes said.

Distracting

Still, some users said they found it distracting to see other queries pop up as they were typing.

And since Google said that a fifth of searches were brand new, it could not always be able to make an accurate prediction.

"It's not quite psychic, but it is very clever," said Ethan Harrison, a senior staff software engineer who helped develop Google Instant.

To make the predictions, Google relies on search trends, like words that are often searched, were recently popular or were searched nearby, Mayer said.

Some words, like "nude," produce no results because Google Instant filters for violence, hate and pornography, the company said.

Managing load

Google, which already handles more than a billion searches a day and has a billion users a week, had to figure out how to manage the load when suddenly each letter typed was a separate search query.

The solution includes storing frequent searches and sending common ones, like "Barack," back more quickly than ones that are nearly impossible to predict, like "SM."

"We had to figure out how to deal with not melting down our data centers," Gomes said. *New York Times News Service*

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OPINION

Shared celebration

EID MUBARAK, 'Id Sa'id! Blessed Eid, happy Eid!

On this joyous Islamic holy day of Eid'l Fitr, we invite Filipinos of every religious persuasion to extend this greeting to Muslims all over the world and especially to the Muslims here at home.

In the last few years, it has become a tradition to observe this day as an official holiday. But other than having some vague notion about the day being an Islamic holiday, it is doubtful if many non-Muslims know what the celebration is all about.

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Held on the first day of Shawwal, Islam's 10th month, the Eid marks the end of the 30-day period of fasting in the month of Ramadan and celebrates the grace of purification ("Eid" means festivity and "Fitr," to purify), signifying "the attainment of communication with the divine spirit and religious virtue, characterized by sacrifice, self-discipline and acts of charity."

It should be of interest to both Muslims and Christians that the Eid is celebrated in a manner—and spirit—quite similar to the way Christians mark Christmas, though the two feasts are inspired by vastly different events. A highlight of the Eid, for example, is the salah, a special Eid prayer not unlike the special midnight Mass on Christmas Day for Catholics.

And again like Christmas, the Eid is a time for sharing blessings. In fact, Muslim adults with means have the obligation to do an act of charity for the poor before praying the salah. It is also customary for children to be given money by relatives. In Turkey, children roam around the neighborhood for candies and traditional sweets, even money. Also, during the entire celebration (in some Muslim countries, the Eid lasts for three days), there is a lot of partying among friends and neighbors, as well as family reunions for which (like in Indonesia) members working in other parts of the country, or abroad, make the effort to come home no matter the distance.

The whole celebration is laced with the messages of love, peace and reconciliation. In the khutbah (sermon), which follows the special Eid prayer, the Imam encourages Muslims "to end any past animosities they may have." And the dua that comes after it, is a supplication "asking for forgiveness, mercy and help for all living being across the world." Devout Muslims make special efforts during the Eid to enliven both counsel and prayer: they go visiting to "ask forgiveness from elders and try to forget and forgive misunderstandings" between and among themselves.

In countries where the Eid is not a public holiday, Muslims take one to three days' leave from work. The Philippines, where Muslims constitute 5 percent of its close to 98 million population, observes the Eid as a non-working public holiday. But because the Eid falls on different dates in the Gregorian calendar, the President has to issue a special proclamation declaring it a holiday.

In Proclamation No. 26, President Aquino sought to explain why the whole nation is celebrating the Eid: (a) "to bring the religious and cultural significance of the Eid'l Fitr to the fore of national consciousness," (b) to give Filipinos a "full opportunity to join our Muslim brothers and sisters in the observance and celebration of Eid'l Fitr," and (c) "to promote cultural understanding and integration."

We have a long way to go before we can achieve any of these objectives. Indeed for many Filipinos, the celebration only serves as reminder of the great divide between the Christian majority and the Muslim minority as well as the unresolved conflict in Mindanao and the violent groups that publicly profess the Islamic faith but violate its sacred tenets, like the Abu Sayyaf and the Ampatuans of Maguindanao.

Still, we cannot go wrong to make use of every opportunity or occasion that leads to a deeper understanding of Islam and brings the whole nation together in joyful celebration, like Eid'l Fitr. This Muslim holy day, in particular, demonstrates not only how closely and strongly Muslims and Christians share customs, traditions and practices but more importantly fundamental values and aspirations.



DSWD encouraging mendicancy

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

(Continued from last Wednesday)

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Foreign scholarship programs

PASSION FOR REASON

Raul C. Pangalangan

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Amando Doronila



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Pinoy Kasi

Michael L. Tan



Saving more babies

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Rina Jimenez-David



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Looking Back

Ambeth R. Ocampo



Justice also needed at GSIS not just institutional reforms

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Bishops plead for justice in Samar priest's slay

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Arrest order

Avoiding a scene

Probers eye police fire in deaths of hostages

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Alarming developments

P-Noy admits receipt of insulting HK letter

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from the official he did not identify but that he told the Chinese government that the letter—personally addressed to him—was uncalled for.

Eight Hong Kong tourists were killed when a sacked Filipino policeman took them hostage on their bus on Aug. 23 in a horrifying drama seen on national and global television.

The Philippines' supposed bungling of the crisis provoked massive protests in Hong Kong, which China regards as "a special administrative region."

In a statement yesterday, Chinese Ambassador Liu Jianchao said that in their meeting at Malacañang on Wednesday, he told Mr. Aquino "looked forward to continued efforts by the two sides in striking a proper settlement of the related issues and moving on with Philippine-China relations."

Liu said Mr. Aquino "stressed that the Philippine side will work closely with the Chinese side to go ahead with the investigation without unprincipled protection and cover-up."



SPECIAL Action Force officers show their capability to President Aquino during a bus assault demonstration at Camp Bagong Diwa.

Won't fight back

Mr. Aquino revealed the existence of the supposedly offensive letter in an interview with television news anchors Ted Failon, Paolo Bediones and Mel Tiangco.

The President later said he realized he had not spoken about the letter.

"I may have made a mistake when I told you (about the letter) but we have decided that while there are those who want to pick a fight with us, we won't fight back to prevent the conflict from getting worse," he said.

Mr. Aquino said he had decided not to answer the letter.

"We decided not to respond to an insulting letter that came from an official of the government of Hong Kong. We just told their government in the People's Republic of China to tell them that the letter they sent was inappropriate," he said.

While the letter was "not very strongly worded," the President said, "we were being told in very minute detail of what we are supposed to do."

He said the letter was "addressed to me."

Need to repair ties

Mr. Aquino appealed to the panelists not to pursue the subject, and refused to answer when asked who signed the letter.

"We are quite conscious to repair relations," the President said. "Of course, we have to understand that this is an unusual event for the people of Hong Kong, that's why we have accepted all the criticisms and insults."

Question of cultures?

After the panel interview, Mr. Aquino told reporters he received the letter two days after he talked with Hong Kong Chief Executive Donald Tsang and that he referred the matter to Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo.

"He has taken it up with the Chinese ambassador," the President said.

He said one could also look at the letter "in a request" from Hong Kong. "(But) perhaps there are nuances as far as our cultures are concerned that if a Filipino wrote the letter, it would not have been that style," he added.

Mr. Aquino has apologized to Tsang over the phone for the tragedy.

Up to Malacañang

Explaining why Tsang's calls to him during the crisis were left unanswered, Mr. Aquino said one did not expect Filipino provincial governors to get through to Chinese President Hu Jintao himself if they called without passing through diplomatic channels.

"I think we can liken the situation where we have Filipino governors demanding that they talk with (US President Barack) Obama or Hu Jintao. I don't think the US government or the Chinese government would just allow that to happen," he said.

Justice Secretary Leila de Lima yesterday said it would be the President's call if the results of the investigation being conducted by a panel she chairs would be released for public consumption.

"It would be the President's decision whether to make it public or not," De Lima said at a press conference.

She said the results of the investigation would be sent directly to Mr. Aquino either on Wednesday or Friday next week.

Unassailable report

"The President is expecting an unassailable report. We will do our best to submit an unassailable report to him," she said.

De Lima chairs the fact-finding committee that held five days of hearings on the hostage [illegible]. Its report will also be submitted to the Chinese and Hong Kong authorities.

The committee yesterday held its initial deliberations on the results of the hearings.

"We have to sift through a lot of evidence and facts, (decipher) the essentials from the nonessentials and determine the direction of the report and which to highlight," De Lima said.

Most crucial question

De Lima said her panel would also hold internal sessions with the National Bureau of Investigation and other operatives on the issue as "there are a lot of questions that needed to be answered by both teams."

She said "the most crucial point occupying our minds" was whether the shots that hit the tourists were fired at close range.

She said the testimony of bus driver Alberto Lubang showed the victims were shot at close range, which was not consistent with initial forensic findings.

De Lima said her panel would have summoned Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez and Deputy Ombudsman Emilio Gonzalez to clarify allegations made by hostage taker Rolando Mendoza that someone from the Ombudsman's office had [illegible] P150,000 to resolve Mendoza's case.

Mendoza had demanded he be reinstated in the police force after being sacked on extortion charges.

Comprehensive, fair report

In his statement, Liu expressed hope that Philippine investigators would come up with a "comprehensive and fair report, which tells the truth, upholds justice and becomes something that can be drawn upon for handling similar cases in the future."

The ambassador said he was confident both sides "have the wisdom to deal with this isolated incident in an appropriate manner so as to turn challenges into opportunities for achieving a sound and stable development of China-Philippines relations."

Liu cited Mr. Aquino for showing his "firm determination in settling the aftermath of the incident by promising a comprehensive, thorough and fair investigation."

Speaking to reporters yesterday after meeting Vice President Jejomar Binay, Liu said "we think everything is moving in the right direction."

"We look forward to the final report so we could turn the page in our bilateral relations," Liu added.

A high-level delegation, composed of Binay, Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo and presidential spokesperson Edwin Lacierda, plans to go to Beijing and Hong Kong shortly and bring with them the report on the results of the government investigation.



PRESIDENT Aquino announces plans to form an elite security force during Thursday's nationally televised interview with news anchors from GMA-7, TV5 and ABS-CBN at Kalayaan Hall in Malacañang.

RP has enough rice this year–DA

Bank exec could not have done it alone, says lawyer

Supreme Court of the Philippines
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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) announces the opening, for application or recommendation, of the position of ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS (vice Hon. Andres B. Reyes, Jr., who was appointed Court of Appeals Presiding Justice).

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House leaders back Palace order to stop GOCC perks

Unheeded GMA order

Right thing to do

Truth commission now complete

Across the NATION

Health execs caution dengue patients vs herbal plants, docs

No Chinese? Russia seen taking over

CEBU CITY—The Philippines may be reeling from a decline in the number of Chinese tourist arrivals, but there was no cause for concern as another tourism market, Russia, could more than fill the void especially in the province of Cebu, a tourism official said.

Army rescue scenario gets real in CamSur

Bishop Cruz: Batangas STL funds from 'jueteng'

DAGUPAN CITY—Retired Archbishop Oscar Cruz said operators of Small-Town Lottery (STL) in Batangas could have easily earned P170 million a year, thanks to the capital provided by financiers of the underground numbers game "jueteng."

'STL is just a coverup for jueteng. Jueteng operators applied for a franchise from [the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office] so they can operate the illegal numbers game under the cloak of STL franchise'

Tribes seek independent commission under P-Noy



LASTING IMPRESSION

Men now need literacy more than women, say experts

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Air services to Sulu, Tawi-Tawi back after 10 years



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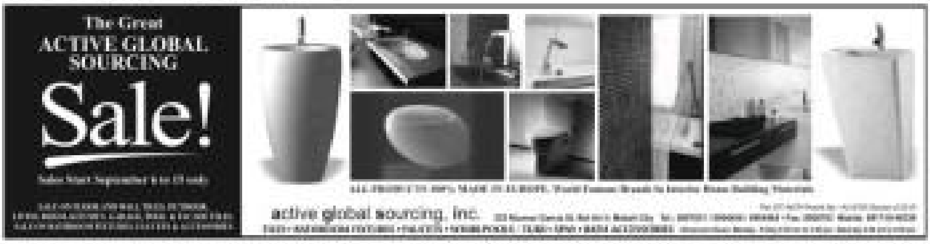
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NUMBER SCHEME ON METRO STREETS

Mayors take to code lifting

By Tina G. Santos

MOST METRO MANILA mayors are in favor of lifting the exemption of public utility buses (PUBs) from the number coding scheme to ease congestion on major thoroughfares in the metropolis.

During Wednesday's meeting of the Metro Manila Council (MMC)—the policy-making body of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), composed of the mayors of 16 cities and one town in the metropolis—only Mayors [illegible] of Makati, [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] of Valenzuela asked for more time to study the proposed move.

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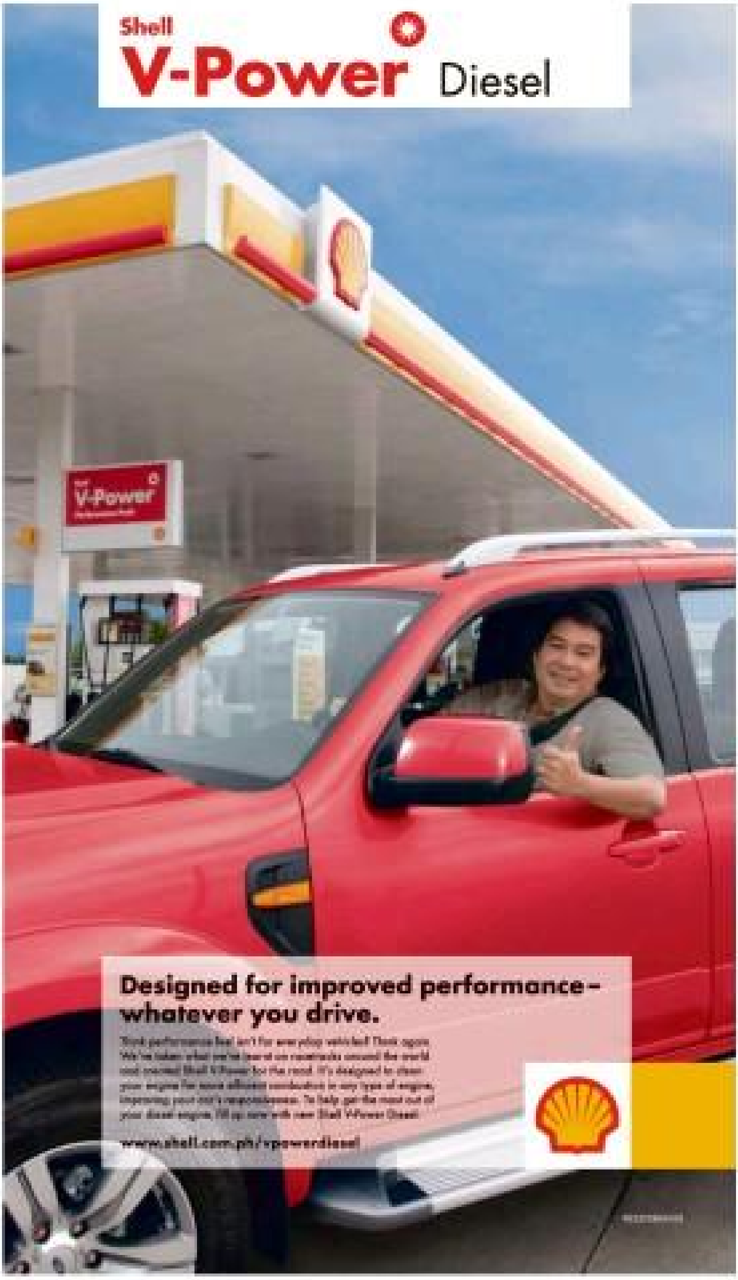


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Couple lose cash, valuables to robbery gang in Las Piñas City

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Urinating man held up in QC

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Court bars suits over alleged CIA prison torture

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Danish Muhammad cartoonist gets German prize

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Muslim mason immortalized at French cathedral

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Mullah Omar tells Afghans the Taliban are winning

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The WORLD

Clinton, Gates slam plan to burn Koran

WASHINGTON—The top two national security advisers in President Barack Obama's Cabinet denounced on Wednesday plans by a small church in Florida to burn the Muslim holy book to commemorate the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. They said destruction of Korans would inflame tensions and put Americans abroad at risk.

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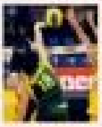


Imam warns moving Muslim center could embolden radicals

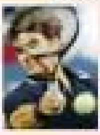
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Red-hot Falcons nail 3rd slot over Archers

By Jasmine W. Payo

ADAMSON RODE a surprisingly hot shooting night to third spot yesterday.

Hitting from beyond the arc all game long, the Falcons downed the La Salle Green Archers, 88-64, to post their best elimination record since 1994 in the UAAP men's basketball tournament at the Araneta Coliseum.

The Falcons nailed almost half of their total field three-point range, where they drilled home 11 triples, the most number of treys Adamson hit this season.

"We had some lucky shots, but the players also wanted to win," said coach Leo Austria after his Falcons posted their best elimination run at 9-5 since the league adopted the Final Four format 17 seasons ago.

[illegible] shot 13 points on top of 17 rebounds and two blocks, while Lester Alvarez fired six of his 11 points from the three-point area.

The Falcons will go up against the No. 2 team, while the Archers—who absorbed back-to-back losses for the first time this season as they drop to 8-6—will tangle with the top seed in the Final Four.

Pacesetter Far Eastern University (11-3) and defending champion Ateneo (10-3) have already clinched the twice-to-beat incentive, but they will still dispute the No. 1 spot in the final elimination game at 4 p.m. tomorrow, also at the Big Dome.

Earlier, National University also finished with its best mark in nine years following a 62-54 victory over University of Santo Tomas.

The Bulldogs wound up with a 7-7 slate.

"Looking back, I think we should have made it to the Final Four," said first-year coach [illegible]. "But to exit with grace, I'm thankful for that."

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SHAKEY'S V-LEAGUE

Adamson, SSC down semis foes

By Cedelf P. Tupas



GAB and P-Noy

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JRU presses bid for s'final bonus

MCC poker tourney stakes 3 cars, P1M cash

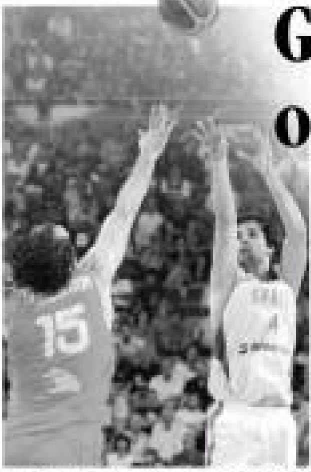
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all set to tee off at Mt. Malarayat







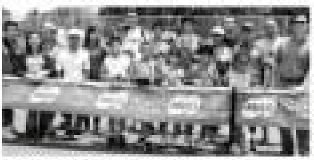
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Gritty Serbians oust Spaniards

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San Andres, Jao lead RP riders in FIM tilt

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Just one shot at greatness

ONE GAME AT A TIME



NCA derby circuit resumes Sept. 14

SPORTS

Federer barges into semis

Sweeps Soderling in mighty effort, battles Djokovic next



BUSINESS

RP exports surged 35.9% in July to $4.5B

Outbound shipments driven by electronics demand

THE COUNTRY'S exports climbed 35.9 percent in July from a year earlier, reaching $4.502 billion due to sustained demand for electronics products, the National Statistics Office said yesterday.

Shares close at record high

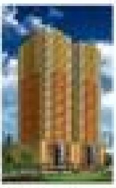


RP bonds get good ratings



PNOC rejects BatMan proposal

CITYLAND launches the Manila Residences Tower II



Shares . . .

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Mercedes-Benz sales increases worldwide in August

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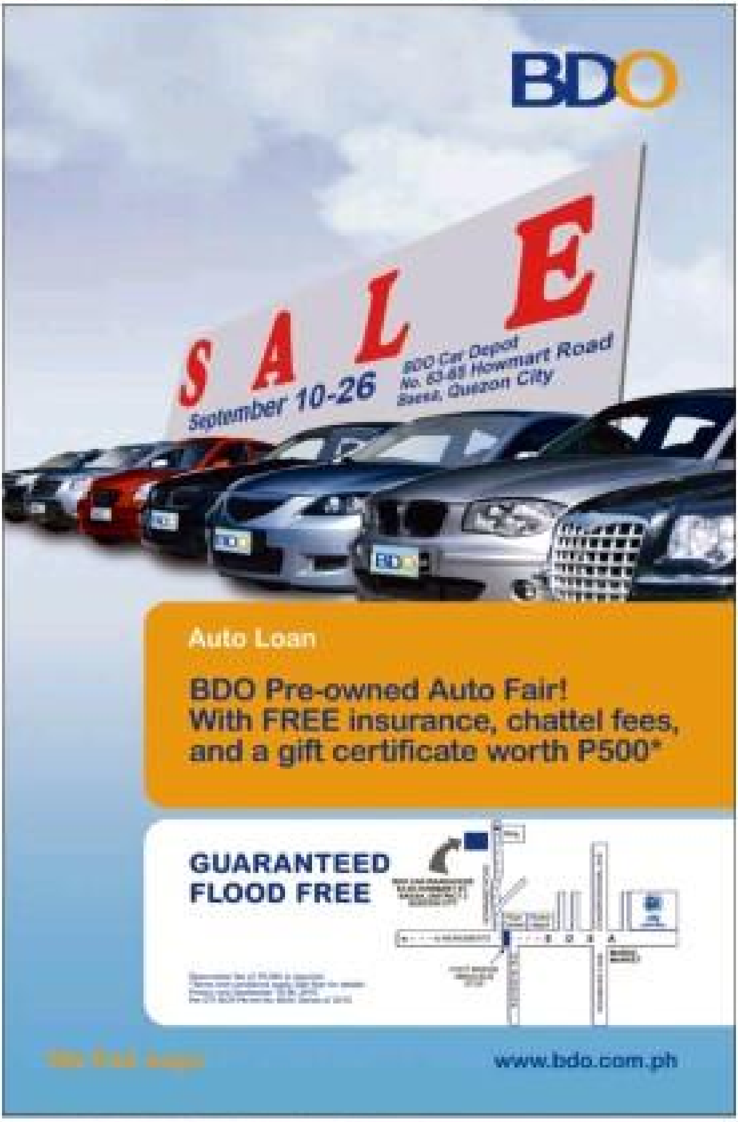


Gov't debt rose to P4.582T in June

Weak peso adds to debt burden

Foreign debt

Peso depreciation





ONG CHING GUI

Peacefully joined our Creator on September 5, 2010 at the age of 91.

"Mama, we'll always remember that caring heart you always gave us. You being there for us through good and bad times, no matter what. We'll always remember you Mama because there'll never be another one to replace you in our hearts, and the love will always have for you."

Vicente L. Lim, Sr.

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever believes in Me will never die."

September 29, 1930 – September 8, 2010

Interment will be on Sunday, September 12, 2010 at The Heritage Park, Fort Bonifacio after the 7:00 a.m. Mass.

Death Notices

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A loving husband,
A caring father,
A thoughtful friend.

LIGAYA VILLAREAL PECACHE

ENGR. CESAR ALBURO CABAHUG

MERCEDES M. LAPIDEZ

peacefully joined her Creator on September 5, 2010 at the age of 73.

Her body lies in state at The Ascension Chapel, Araneta Ave., Quezon City.

"Even when I walk through a dark valley, I fear no harm. For you are at my side, your rod and staff give me courage..."
Psalm 23:4



Thank you for sharing our sorrow in the loss of our dear mother "Nanay Ely". Your kindness, prayers, & support are deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

Jorge, Adelina, Carlos and Family

Doña ELISEA AQUINO y BANZON

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OUTDOOR advertising continuously evolves as technology moves.

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Free books to help the future at Design Center



THE COLORS and motifs contained in these trend publications are very inspiring.

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There's now high-definition makeup

In the era of HDTV comes the airbrushed effect for your close-up

WHO SAYS you need to be a newscaster or a soap star to wear high-definition makeup?

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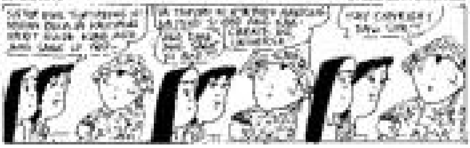
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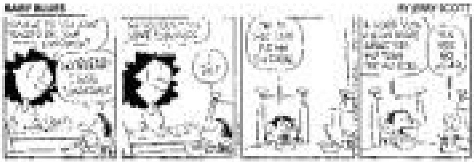
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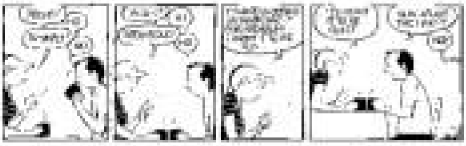
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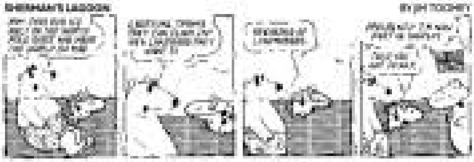
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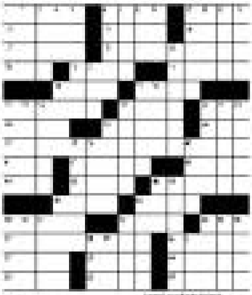
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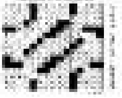
HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. Tips and program at www.sudoku.com

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE







CRÈME SMOOTH Foundation, Laura Mercier's new HD makeup, yields an airbrushed effect, similar to what makeup artists use on soap opera actors and newscasters.

There's now high-definition . . .

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creamy texture blends to a sheer finish with the fingertips, Stevenson's suggested method of application. Similar results can be had with a makeup sponge, he said.

Laura Mercier is no stranger to flawless makeup. The company's known for its "Flawless Face," a four-step process to an impeccable makeup base. It uses Foundation Primer, the right shade of foundation, a Secret Camouflage concealer and translucent powder.



MYSTIQUE, Laura Mercier's "required" Fall 2010 makeup collection



According to Stevenson, the new Crème Smooth Foundation, which comes in 12 shades, is also a treatment makeup, containing the potent Vitamin E and essential fatty acids rich argan oil, an anti-aging ingredient. It also has anti-inflammatory properties and the all-important "line-reducing" Dermaxyl and Super Moisture Complex.

Laura Mercier is exclusively available at Rustan's Makati, Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Alabang Town Center, Robinsons Place Manila and Ayala Center Cebu. Tinted moisturizers and skincare make up 50 percent of the brand's business.

For Fall 2010, Stevenson also unveiled the "required" makeup collection called Mystique, reflecting the glitter of the fall runway collections, in the form of its Sequin Eye Colour. It's meant to be worn only as accessory, or simply as liner not all over the lids, just like a woman would wear a single piece of sequined item, like a brooch, cardigan or shoes, he said.

In the hard-edge, leather-strewn runways, this look is a stark contrast: "rough luxe, biker chic, rugged but still feminine," said the makeup artist. It features soft lips and eye shadows in the typically spring-summer shades of green and violet.

He also introduced Cry Pink, a shimmery girly-pink limited-edition Chick color used by both Sarah Jessica Parker and Kim Cattrall on "Sex and the City 2" movie after which it is named.

Tickets to the ballet delivered to your doorstep

AMERICAN EXPRESS cardmembers enjoy savings of 20 percent for tickets to performances of Ballet Philippines' Season 41 from October-February 2011 through TicketWorld or Ballet Philippines' offices. These include "[illegible]" pictured above and which runs Dec 15-17; "Peter Pan," Dec 3-5 and 10-12; and "Don Quixote," Feb. 18-20, 2011. All performances are at the Cultural Center of the Philippines. Cardmembers who have the Platinum and International Dollar Platinum cards and Cathay Pacific American Express Elite Card may also purchase their tickets through the American Express Concierge. Upon request, the concierge will deliver the tickets to these cardmembers.

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September 11, 4pm

German pianist-composer Oliver Schneller Live at The Podium



Schneller was born in Cologne, grew up in Europe, Africa and Southeast Asia. He studied composition at the New England Conservatory in Boston and at Columbia University in New York. The focus of Oliver Schneller's compositional work in [illegible], the creation of networks between musical instruments, architectural spaces and live-computer processing. His works have been performed at numerous international music festivals in Europe, the USA, and Asia. He has received several commissions from all over the world, most recently, the Composers' Award from the Ernst von Siemens Music Foundation.

Since October 2009 Oliver Schneller serves as a professor of composition at Stuttgart Conservatory of Music.

For more information, please call Concierge at Tel no. [illegible]

LIFESTYLE Fashion & Beauty



All-natural products I'm happy to recommend

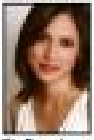


Burt's Bees has amazing products; I've been using its lip gloss for years

BURT'S Bees pore-refining scrub

ALTHOUGH I WOULD like to say I use all-natural products, that is very far from the truth. But I promised myself I will start a little at a time and not put too much pressure on myself to shift in one blow.

Knockout!



Rio Francisca-Prieto

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ALL-NATURAL/D2





CLEAN Skin soap

All-natural products I'm happy to recommend

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hair loss and the drink supposedly aids in hair growth, among other things. To order, text 0919-6028712. It's just P150 per bottle, and the item delivers.

Beauty goodies

I believe that when you want to make a positive change and you voice it out to the universe, the universe helps you. Since I wanted to educate myself more about natural beauty products, well, what do you know, a couple have been sent my way.

I got a box of beauty goodies from Clean Skin's natural product beauty line, Plus. I love the shower gel with fennel, olive and Vitamin E. It smells clean so its scent doesn't fight with whatever cologne I use. It also has antioxidant properties, and hydrates and helps make skin elastic.

Also, I can't stand it when my hair gets dry, but the therapeutic mask in olive gives my hair new life. Its active ingredients are olive, honey, wheat protein and hinoacholide. Not only did the product restore the shine in my hair, it also helps restore my hair roots. Clean Skin's product line is complete from head to toe, so if you intend to do the shift you can just grab them stuff.

Fortunately, I never had to deal with acne. So when I received Burt's Bees Acne Line, I gave it to my son's yaya to try. Burt's Bees is also an all-natural brand that has amazing products. In fact, I have been using its lip gloss for years.

In four days, yaya's skin cleared up dramatically. I'm very happy with the results on her, and she is also a happier person now.

Since dengue fever is something that concerns all of us, I was also pleased to be sent Bye-Bye Mosquito Stick-On Patch. Its ingredients include citronella oil, eucalyptus oil and lemon oil. As a parent, I feel much better with stick-ons on my babies, because lotions can sometimes lead to itching.

Clean Skin and Burt's Bees are available at Rustan's, while Bye-bye Mosquito stick-ons are available at Mercury Drugstore nationwide.



BURT'S Bees acne line, available at Rustan's



CLEAN Skin soy conditioner

CLEAN Skin foot scrub

CLEAN Skin cleansing gel

GO HEAD-TO-TOE natural with Clean Skin. Available at Rustan's.



Clean Skin FACE SOAP

Win this! Win this! Win this! Win this!



Bye bye mosquito stick-on patch. 20 to be given away! Check out www.inquirer.net for mechanics.

Registration for Kulturang Pinoy Quiz ongoing

REGISTRATION IS ongoing for the "Kulturang Pinoy Quiz" involving all private and public-school students in the elementary and high school levels in Metro Manila.

The competition, the first ever to be held, hopes to raise awareness, understanding and appreciation of the rich and distinctive culture of Filipinos, especially among the youth. Eventually, the Filipino youth shall deepen their love of country.

Through written and oral rounds, the participants shall go through the elimination round, semi-finals and finals. The cultural quiz covers all areas of Philippine history from pre-colonial to present times and Philippine culture (beliefs, traditions, cultural icons, arts, cuisine, games, events).

The cultural competition has been conceived and is to be implemented by Bessie Movement for Cultural Advancement, Inc. or Bessie Kapamangyan, an NGO that aims to preserve, promote and enhance the Filipino cultural heritage.

The president of Bessie Movement is Visitacion "Chit" R. dela Torre, writer-book author-publisher of Filipiniana coffee table books, while the chairman is professor Felipe M. de Leon, Jr.

Special prizes, medals and certificates of merit shall be awarded to all winners.

Call 4124938, 413-6920; e-mail chitdelatorre@yahoo.com.

Rustan's opens the first art perfumery in the Philippines



TEAM OF fragrance consultants

RUSTAN'S THE Beauty Source opens the first art perfumery section in the Philippines featuring niche fragrances from around the world.

At Grandmall in front of MAC at Glorietta 4, people can sample collections from Annick Goutal, Annick 1795, Officina Profumo-Farmaceutica di Santa Maria Novella 1612, Acca Kappa dal 1869, Geodiarnin and Diptyque Parfumeurs Paris, and Serlum Perfumeur Paris.

This signals an evolution in scent recall that allows the consumer to experience scents that evoke eras of kings and queens, battles and wars, love, conquests and journeys, art and intense inspiration.

Fragrance consultants are around to assist shoppers in their search for the perfect scent.

The store also has Acca Kappa brushes, the complete array of the triple milled soaps of Santa Maria Novella in boxes of one, two, three and even four Diptyque labels.



ANNICK 1795 boutique at the Grandmall

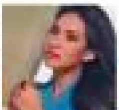


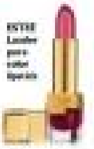
L'OCCITANE, now open at Grandmall in Glorietta 4



ANNICK Goutal boutique

How to apply makeup in 15 minutes



Backstage Pass



Isabel Roces

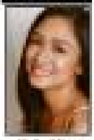


Simple look

Time saver

How to make red lipstick last longer and hair look thicker

Tricks of the trade



Kelly Misa



Jasmine, amber in fragrance

Vanity Basket



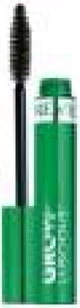


Second skin foundation

Ultra rich lipstick



Luscious mascara





Apricot scrub



Haircare products



Colored diamonds





THE BUKAS Palad Music Ministry

Bukas Palad launches 15th album

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TOO BROWN TO HANDLE.

Iconic shoe brand yields a bag line

WITH a new generation rediscovering the iconic shoe brand Parisian, SM introduces a bag collection to complement its fashion-forward look.

The Parisian bag collection echoes the brand's affordable luxury, and merges high style with functionality.

Details like oversized folds, tiny handles and shiny hardware go well with best-selling Parisian shoe styles. The bags come in modern shapes and practical designs with expandable multi-compartments.

Parisian bags are available at the Bags section, while the shoes are available at the Ladies Shoes section of SM Department Stores.

Payless Shoesource opens 3 new stores

Shoe lovers on the hunt for trendy, high-quality footwear for the whole family won't have to go far as Payless Shoesource, the largest specialty footwear chain in the U.S., continues its aggressive expansion plans here in the Philippines with three brand-new stores in SM Megamall, Ali Mall Cubao and Shangri-La Plaza Mall.

Famous for its mission of 'democratizing fashion', Payless Shoesource offers imported, fashion-forward styles in footwear and accessories for women, men, teens and children at prices that are easy on the budget.

Aside from the Payless house brand, the store also carries an assortment of well-known American footwear labels, including airwalk, Fioni, SmartFit, Dexter, and Zoe & Zac. There's also a range of accessories like bags, belts, hats, sunglasses, and jewelry, making the store a one-stop shop for completing one's personal style.

What's more, women looking for the latest high-fashion runway and celebrity looks can choose from the exclusive Designers for Payless collections, where hot American designers like Isabel Toledo, Lela Rose, and Christian Siriano collaborate with Payless to offer designer shoes and accessories at retail prices.

"Payless is all about making great styles available at great prices," says Crickette Tanjoco, Marketing Communications Manager of Footwear Specialty Retailers, Inc., franchise partner of Payless and a division of retailing giant Stores Specialists, Inc. "Filipinos love a good bargain, and at Payless we make sure that every product we sell gives our customers the best value for money."

Payless opened its first Philippine store last July in Festival Mall Alabang. More stores are set to open before the end of the year at Greenhills Shoppesville, Rockwell, Market! Market!, Robinsons Galleria, and Marquee Mall Pampanga.





DR. VICKI Belo at the opening of her Greenhills branch



MIKAEL Daez with Jojie Dingcong and Baron Lontoc



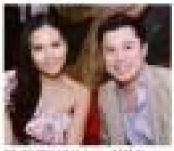
ABS-CBN'S Mario Dumaual and renowned New York-based pianist Rowena Arrieta



RUBBY Sy with Jacqueline Yong and Dr. Vicki Belo



JAY CUARESMA with interior designer Jonathan Matti and Vicki B's sister Claire Pajalas



MS PHILIPPINES Universe 2009 Bianca Manalo and "free agent" Kevin Tan



AVI WITH Cristalle Belo-Henares and Christian Bautista

New Belo clinic in Greenhills marks its 8th anniversary

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alex Van Hagen powered by MAC Sister

THE 8-FT tall dragon, a floral creation of Robert Mancaflor, was rearing for the awesome eighth anniversary and reopening of Belo Greenhills clinic. [illegible]

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Levi's launch

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Chikka's 'killer app'

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ALYSSA Gan and Mother Lily Monteverde



MARVIC Madrigal-Pasquin, Billie Gan, Lucy Tan, Roselle Monteverde-Teo and Angie Tan



MATTEO Guidicelli with Rayn Manzanal and Albert Martinez



DR. PHILIP Rivera and Moussa Alsagran



KARYLLE with Quark Henares



CHIKKA Philippines Inc.'s Michelle Pesado, corporate communications manager; Chito Bustamante, CEO; and Jovie Aguilar, corporate communications director



LEVI'S Gang of 3: Manila/Bistro manager John Medallo, Thinline president Frank Briones and Asian marketing head Bonnie Cotaoist



JAY OLIVER, product development manager for CTM-Chikka Philippines; actor Gail Lanrasian; Chito Bustamante, CEO of Chikka Philippines; and actress Rayn Abad



SURPRISE sexy number by three hot male models



TESSA Dragon and Mei Kaufman



THINLINE team Lia Sevilla with president Frank B., Louie Magbanua, RC Gonzalez and Cotaoist



CHIKKA'S Chief Imagination Officer Dennis Mendiola (center) with actresses Dimples Romana and Melissa Ricks



BEAUTIES IN A ROW: Alyanna Martinez, Valerie Bariou-Blondin and Mikaela Lagdameo-Martinez, Lucia Magazine fashion editor



GEOLETTE Esguerra and Bianca Concepcion of Metro and Mona Camagui of Chalk



SPOTLIFE'S Marco Sison with Tessa and Coventry's Roxie Carlos and RHP's Osrom Lauro Pita



OMBRE DOGET organza multi-tiered formal with chantilly lace top on Aliz Bonus

BOLD BATIK printed pleated chiffon dress on Patricia Paredes

GOLD lace on nude number on Nicole Huang

TWO-PIECE formal: White top and royal purple skirt on Celeen Chanyongco



SIMPLY ELEGANT: Champagne column and pearl earrings on Nicole Blanco

Neutral vs colorful

By Larry Leviste
Contributor

THE NOUVELLE idea of stand-up cocktails after a wedding and before the sumptuous sit-down dinner in the ballroom gives the family and guests time to meet and mingle—and check each other's strictly formal gowns.

Such was the case at the sundown wedding reception of Rustan's Anna Go to basketball player Gec Chia at the Peninsula Manila lobby. Early guests sipped lychee champagne cocktails while men in black tie made grand entrances with their partners in full evening regalia.

The younger generation of corporate players and entrepreneurs made bold choices based on largely split opinions of formal dressing.

One booked the emerging themes of the new neutrals—black, beige, champagne, nude and even dove grey—in duchess satin, silk charmeuse and panne crepe. Beadwork was in tasteful gold, silver or bronze. There were no jarring fishtails or gowns too tight for comfort. The prevailing silhouettes were strapless, one-shouldered and sabrina.

Some women explored the other option—bright clear colors, which actually complemented, not clashed with, the neutral gowns that night. Clear red, flowery fuchsia, creamy yellow and all shades of blue, from periwinkle to navy were standouts.

The two camps agreed on one accessory—the drop-dead drop earrings all the young women wore, from dangling pink cameos to fiery coral, discreet green, brown and even red diamonds.

And take a gander at the style signatures of the young and the tasteful today; they nailed it.

They don't clash, they complement—and with drop-dead earrings



ORNATE BELT on soft sky-blue gown with ruffled collar on Janine Arenas Abesar



TATTOOS and rhinestones on Erica Paredes



PINK coral tear-drop earrings on Tonya Lim



ESTATE JEWELRY: Shamar's earrings on Cathy Chia



PAISLEY earrings on Kathryn Wong

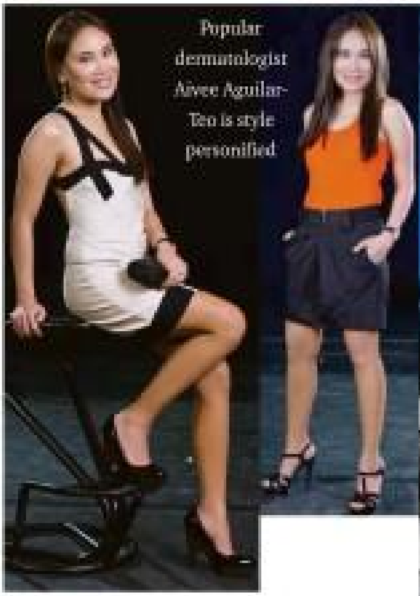




ANNA GO and husband Gec Chia. Wedding gown by Jun Escario



FULL BIAS silk-crushed skirt with halter top and leather belt on Katherine Tolosa (left, top), and Nicole Miller Spanish-red gown on Margarita Lopez (left)



Popular dermatologist Aivee Aguilar-Teo is style personified



Doctor to the stars is as glam as her clients

The Working Class

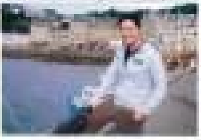


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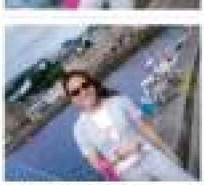
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THE TEO family ... in Los Angeles one Christmas







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ENTERTAINMENT

Editor Emmie G. Velarde





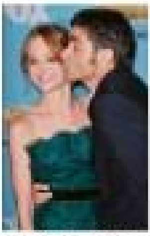
'Glee' premiere and after-party: We were there

Charice plays Sunshine Corazon, a nerd

CHARICE Pempengco



CORY Monteith and Kevin McHale



JAYMA Mays, left, gets a kiss on the cheek from fellow "Glee" cast member John Stamos.

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Ruben V. Nepales

Charice's Sunshine

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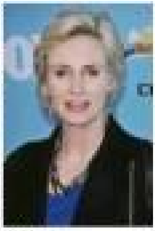
Episode-ender



MARK Salling, center, with Filipino fans (from left) Monika Corpus, Elgeon Nepales and Mike Yiado



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By Marinel R. Cruz

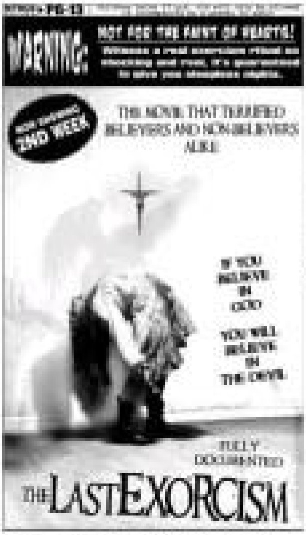
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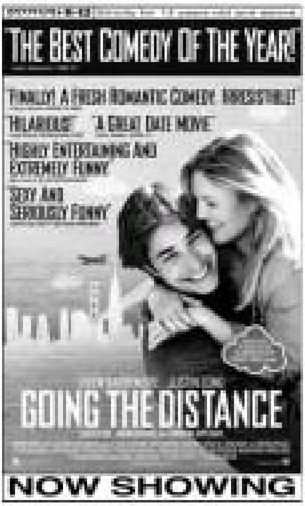












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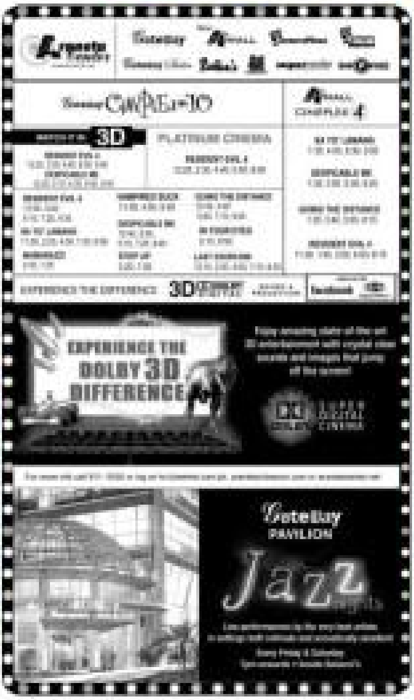


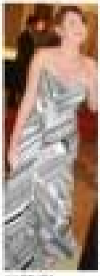






Kapamilya prom night



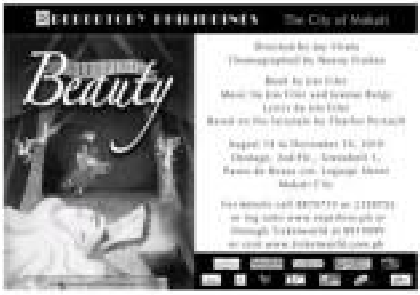


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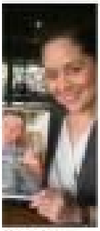








Books



MONIQUE WILSON

I READ a Palestinian student in London (at the East 15 Acting School) and she told me about her life as a refugee. That encounter rekindled me to the play "My Name Is Rachel Corrie," which New Voice Company is mounting (Sept. 3 and 4 at the Music Museum). To prepare, I read several books on this complex issue, including "Let Me Stand Alone: The Journals of Rachel Corrie." Beyond the politics, she was a great writer. A peace activist. What I picked up from the book are her sense of humor and deep introspection. She's inspiring. The book reminded me of the power of the written word. Text and photo by Raymund Sam Illigo Jr.



ENZO PINEDA

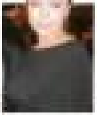
I'M currently reading Stephenie Meyer's "New Moon." I've read "Twilight" and bought the two other novels in the series. My friend told me that the books were different from the movies, which I liked. I got curious and found the story interesting. It has everything: action, romance, suspense, horror, fantasy. It's entertaining.

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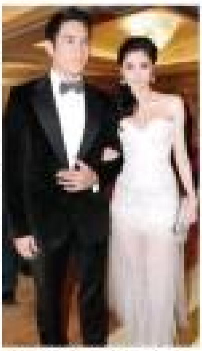




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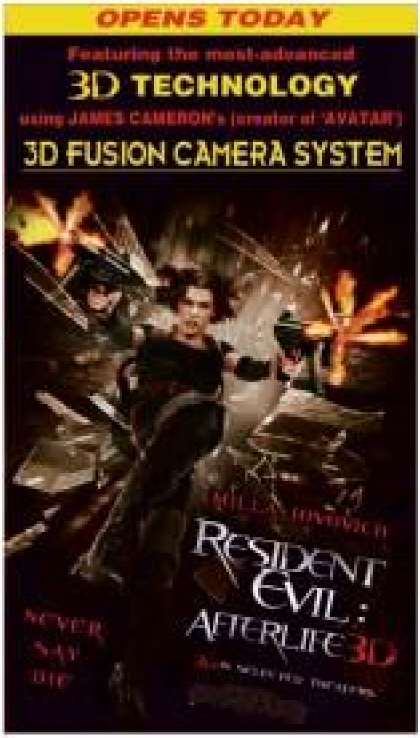


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